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Dear Mary,

Not long after I wrote KXAS, copy to you, Mike Snyder phoned me. You may remember that I'd reminded him he'd promised to send me a casette of the entire interview and one of the series they aired and that I'd not gotten it. He told me what was true, that I'd told him if he preferred to send them to local Hood College, where all my records will be eventually and where students are using some now and have been for years. He said he had sent a cassette there. I told him that because of the controversy I'd like to know what of what over a period of close to two hours of taping me he'd used. No problem he, said, he'd "burn a copy off" and send it to me. That was perhaps three weeks ago. I got nothing from him so I wrote him again reminding him and I've still heard nothing.

One of our dearest friends is a professor of history there. His other activities, like writing a book, keep him very busy. So all I've done is ask him to learn whether or not such a cassette had been sent to the collge. If he'd learned I'm sure he'd have told me. So, I do not know whether Snyder really sent them a cassette.

If it was sent it should have wound up at the library. I may have suggested that he send it to the librarian. Who also is up to his ears. They have just this semester moved into a new building. The formal opening is the coming semester, when the Librarian of Congress will be the main speaker. But they are having a less formal shindig a week from yesterday for those of us known as the friends of the library. There will be formal tours then. Because I won't be able to use my legs that way or that long a few weeks ago when Lil and I were near there we went and had a peek. It is simply fantastic! Really state of the art in communicating and distributing and a thing of beauty just to be in and look at. They actually plan to make all the records they have and will get available to all other institutions by modern electronic gadgetry I do not understand. Anyway, when we are there I'll ask the librarian if he has the cassette. If he has I'll borrow it and look at it and hear what they said.

= Which as of this moment I do not know. I do know that it is possible to pick and chose from what is recorded and that if this is done what is aired can be something other than the person interviewed had in mind.

Snyder did tell me that the reaction to that series was exciting to them, that in the week that show was aired its ratings doubled. He said they'd aired parts of the Bronson film and that among the reactions was a call from the new (to me at least) Dallas FBI SAC, Revill. He said he agrees that the film should be enhanced and if I remember correctly would support that. Other than this I have no idea of what thet aired, in general or of what they taped me as saying. I did not gather when Mike and his technician were

here that they had in mind anything like what I gather from your letter and the story you sent me they did air.

I hope I can see and hear what they aired so I can respond further. Until I do I do not know anything else I can say or do.

And until your letter I'd heard nothing from anyone down there about that series, what they aired or what impact it had, etc. Nor have I since. No complaints. Nothing.

My hunt-and-peck typing is worse because all winter my fingertips have been splitting and they've still not healed. Sorry.

Yesterday was Jill's 80th birthday, the week before I had my 79th. For us I guess we are OK. In addition to the many earlier medical problems of which you had some knowledge I've developed a few more with the legs that limit what I am able to do more than before and I have "sleep apnea," which means among other things that when I'm asleep there are times I do not breathe. More so when I sleep on my back, when I do not breathe most of the time. This also gets me up early. To get 4-5 hours of sleep I retire quite early. It is rare that I sleep past 1 a.m. This morning it was a little after midnight. And it is now, believe it or not, a little after 1 a.m.!

There are some advantages from this abnormal life. The early-morning hours are undisturbed. No phone calls, for example. So I spend them at my desk and leave about 4:30 to walk (and rest) for an hour and a half the three mornings I do not have blood tests. Those mornings, instead of returning home I go to the building in which the lab is and resume walking and resting for more than another hour. After which I have physical therapy. This week, on different days, Jill and I will be to Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, she for shots that control facial spasms that are disconcerting and interfere with her vision, me for the monthly shot it is hoped will eliminate the need for additional prostate surgery, for which I'm driven there every month, but for one of my periodic neurological examinations. Some neurological tests in January resulted in a large mascerated area on my right shin that is still far from healed and next month I have an extra trip there for the regular checkup on the leg circulation. There are other local appointments that take time so all in all I have considerably less time for work. This is further reduced by the constant phone calls. Nonetheless, just getting to our age is a blessing.

I hope that all is going as well as it can with you and Buck.

Our love,

Harold

Several years ago I got a very flattering phone call from a man whose name meant nothing to me, Faris Rookstool III. He said he got to this area from time to time and would like to visit. He also said he had a "rare" picture of me. He did not come but when I reminded him he sent me a picture I recognized immediately as having been taken by Fred Newcomb in his Sherman Oaks backyard. By then I knew who Rookstool is, I asked him how he got that picture, and he has not responded. Neither the Dallas nor the LA field offices sent it to me in response to my FOIPA requests. It had to have originated with Fred or someone to whom he gave it. Neither office gave me what they have to have, records relating to their getting it, from whom, when, etc. But the LA filed office at least did have informers reporting on critics, this I have records on.